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RE: Carbon Canal Company System Improvement Projects – Request to Curtail
Release of Water From Scofield Reservoir After September 30, 2017

Mr. Lee and Board Members:

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This shall serve as official notification that the Carbon Canal Company intends to proceed with two system improvement projects, as follows:

1. Carbon Canal diversion reconstruction project; and
2. Fairgrounds Road Carbon Canal liner and outlet structure project.

Both of these projects are scheduled to commence on or about October 1, 2017. The plan is to commence construction on these two projects during the first week in October and to complete both projects prior to the commencement of the irrigation season in 2018.

Replacement of the diversion structure is absolutely essential. The existing diversion structure was seriously damaged in the fall of 2013 during a major storm event. Although temporary repairs were made, the existing structure is subject to complete failure at any time. The Carbon Canal Company, through the sponsorship of Carbon County, has secured grant and loan funding for the replacement project. The design is being finalized and the contract has been awarded to Staker Parsons/Nielson Construction. We are confident that upon successful completion, the new diversion structure will serve the needs of the water users on the Carbon Canal for the next 100 years and beyond.

To facilitate commencement of construction of both projects, our plan is to terminate delivery of irrigation water by the Carbon Canal on or before October 1, 2017. Notification will soon be distributed to all affected water users on the Carbon Canal.

With regard to the diversion reconstruction project, it will be necessary to remove the existing structure on the Price River (at the Golf Course) and to replace it with a new one. This will require work within the actual river channel. It is imperative that any remaining water in the river be diverted away from the construction zone. Plans are underway to divert water that may then be flowing in the Price River into the Price-Wellington Canal. (The capacity of that diversion point, however, is limited.) That will enable our contractors to proceed with demolition of the existing Carbon Canal Company facilities and installation of the new concrete diversion structure. It is imperative that the construction zone be kept as dry as is reasonably possible for a length of time sufficient to complete construction.

With regard to the liner project and outlet structure, funding is in place and a contract has been awarded to Cody Ekker Construction. The plan is to install a synthetic liner along a portion of the canal behind the new Holiday Inn Express Hotel. The existing outlet structure just north of the hotel will also be replaced. During construction, it is essential that the Carbon Canal remain dry to avoid disruption of the project and flooding of the commercial developments in that vicinity.

We hereby request the cooperation of the Carbon Water Conservancy District in curtailing any releases of un-ordered non-essential water from Scofield Reservoir after

September 30, 2017. Historically, by that date, the majority of irrigation in the valley has ceased and the requirements of PRWID and Price City for treatment of drinking water are minimal.

Last year, the release of water from Scofield Reservoir was curtailed by you as of October 1, 2016 to facilitate repairs to the dam. That action was received well by the water users, allowed for repairs to be made, and resulted in substantial water conservation. We are simply asking you to replicate that scenario this October to accommodate needed repairs to our system.

We are aware of your appearance Mr. Lee, before the Board of Directors of the Price River Watershed Conservation District on April 12, 2017 and your indication that you were planning to commence releasing water from Scofield Reservoir in October, 2017 to make room for the 2018 snowpack. We remain hopeful that this plan has changed and that future releases of water, if any, be postponed following an accurate calculation of the actual 2018 snowpack and completion of our scheduled projects.

We would appreciate your acknowledgment of receipt of this letter and a written response from you by September 5, 2017. Our interest is in knowing whether or not this request will be granted so that our contractors can proceed with implementation of our projects. Our goal is to avoid any un-ordered non-essential releases of water from Scofield Reservoir during the construction of the two projects named above. As we're sure you understand, releasing water from Scofield Reservoir will increase the natural flow of the Price River and will be hard to control, especially if we experience a large storm event. A reduction in the flow of water within the Price River will ensure the safety of workers and equipment and will ensure successful completion of both projects so that our system will be fully functional by the commencement of the irrigation season in 2018.


If you have any questions or if you want to meet with the Board of Directors of the Carbon Canal Company, please advise.

We look forward to your response.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Carbon Canal Company
Board of Directors

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